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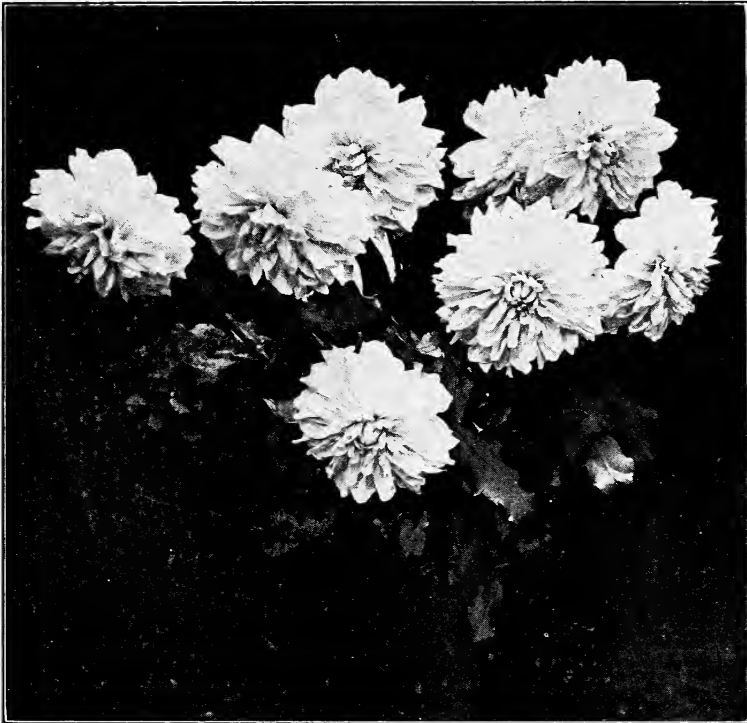


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# Wheeler's Dahlia Garden

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*White Empress*  
*Decorative*

Webster, Massachusetts



## To My Dahlia Loving Friends

In presenting this, my first annual catalogue, I wish to thank my many friends for their patronage in the past; to others this catalog will act as a formal business introduction. It will be my aim to hold the friendships thus made, and to add new friends who are lovers of that most wonderful of all fall flowers, "THE DAHLIA."

The Dahlias listed in this catalogue have nearly all been grown by me, and have been proven worthy, hence my recommendation.

Terms: Cash with order or in advance of shipment.

Forwarding: We ship tubers at planting time only, unless otherwise requested; and then at purchaser's risk from freezing.

Tubers only are offered, as I sell neither green plants nor seed.

As a member of The Dahlia Society of New England, and the American Dahlia Society, I extend to you a cordial invitation to become a member in either or both societies. The \$2.00 a year membership dues in either society, include subscription to the Bulletin. The American Dahlia Society, publish a bulletin quarterly, and The Dahlia Society of New England, semi-annually. They contain much of interest regarding the culture of the Dahlia, the Dahlia Shows, etc.

I also extend a cordial invitation to visit my garden located at 327 School Street, Webster, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

CALVIN S. WHEELER.

## 1929 INTRODUCTIONS.

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**Grace.**

We offer this new exhibition decorative Dahlia, which was originated by J. W. Bibb & Son, and grown in Storrs, this last season, where it was seen and admired by the members of the A. D. S. at the Annual Field Day in Sept. 1928. This Dahlia is considered one of the best *all purpose* Dahlias yet produced.

1500 Blooms in the home garden, showing it to be a very free blommer. First prize three years in succession, in every show entered. Color: Body of flower, pure waxy white, with delicate tinge of Orchid Pink deepening to center. Tubers, \$10.00 net.

**Margaret Biss**

(Brezler) Amaranth purple blending with Tyrian rose. Tips of all petals distinctly white, and center petals white shaded with the rose. Flower habit prolific. The flower somewhat resembles "Our Country", but has more red, also a much better stem. Tubers \$5.00.

**Philip W. Harsh**

This new and most beautiful Hybrid Cactus, is another Dandy from the garden of J. W. Bibb & Son, and is one of the really good ones. It is a large flower, with a heavy deep center, a very *dark red changing to almost brown*. The nearest to a brown Dahlia yet produced. Beautiful dark thick foliage, of low growing habit, stiff cane like stems, that hold the flower erect. A prolific bloomer, flowers large and very attractive. Tubers \$7.50.

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*Courtesy of A. T. De La Mare Co.*

**"The White Empress"**. This pure white Dahlia, is a production between Fort Washington, and Murphy's Worlds Best White; Fort Washington being the seed parent. It is a good strong grower, a free bloomer and a good keeper, having won the Darnell Silver cup at the American Dahlia Society Exhibition in Sept., 1928, held in Madison Square Garden, New York, for the best keeper in the show. The plants grow medium high and are covered with large blooms all through the season, holding their center, and giving the appearance of a blanket of snow.

Mr. William F. Jost, of East Haven, has done much for the Dahlia world, in originating this beautiful White Dahlia, which we believe to be the best white to date. Tubers \$10.00.

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**Adda Patterson** (Kemp) H. C. One of the best, if not the best white Hybrid Cactus Dahlia to date. The flowers are pure white, and average 8 to 9 inches in diameter. The plant is a beautiful grower, reaching a height of 7 feet. The large blooms are held well above the foliage on stiff stems that can be cut two or three feet in length. A splendid keeper, and equally good for exhibition and decorative purposes. An all around white Dahlia that will win in the keenest competition. Scored 87. Tubers \$3.50.

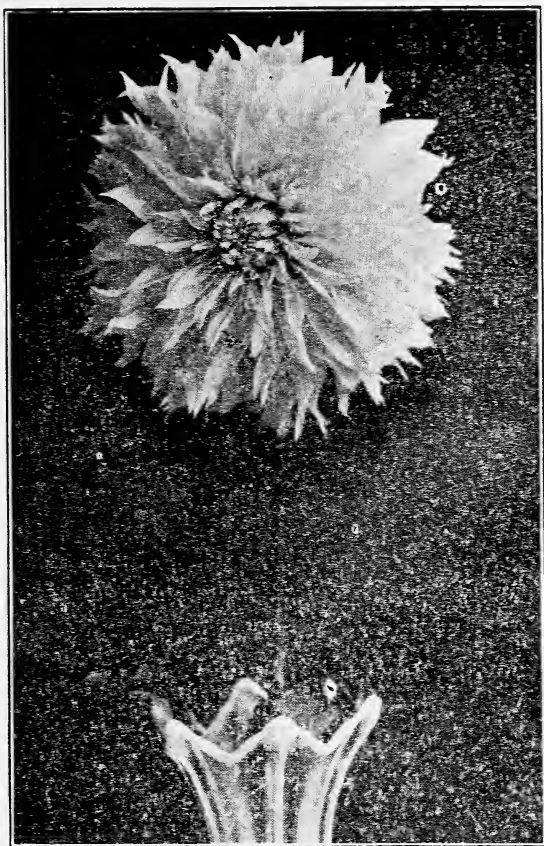
**Alice Whittier** (Reed) Immense Hybrid Cactus, more like true gigantic true Cactus as the petals are very long, and fold to a point. Blooms up to 12 inches, 6 to 7 inches deep, on cane like stems, and can be cut 3 feet in length. Wonderful plant and prolific bloomer of exhibition flowers of a clear primrose yellow, and a grand good keeper. Tubers \$3.50.

**Andreas Hofer** (H. C.) One of the most beautiful of the new Dahlias and always attracts instant attention. It won at Boston for the best basket in the show. Color is a glowing light pink, with a salmon-rose suffusion. The blossoms are held erect on long stiff stems. Tubers \$3.00.

**Avalon** (Broomall) Dec. Pure clear yellow. The large flowers are very distinct and pleasing in shape. Always full to the center and produced in great abundance on long stiff stems. The flower has every good quality, a remarkable good keeper which makes it a fine cut flower as well as for exhibition. Tubers \$1.50.



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**Miss Cape Ann.** This is Mr. Lufkin's new white Dahlia, and one we are pleased to recommend. This is a beautiful snow white Dahlia, with large serrated or forked petals, large blooms held high above the foliage on stiff stems. This Dahlia is a very tall grower, a free bloomer, and one of the outstanding varieties in my garden the past season. It has all good habits, even to a good tuber maker. Tubers \$5.00.

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- Aztec Glory** (Broomall) A glorious Dahlia in every sense, color, form, and size. This is one of the big fellows, and when the blooms attain large size, the flower has an added distinction in the curl of the end of the petal. Color is rich clear golden yellow, without tints or blends. Flowers held erect on strong stiff stems. Tubers \$7.50.
- Barbara Redfern** An enormous decorative of great depth. A wonderful combination of old rose and gold. The mammoth flowers are produced early and continuously, on extra long stems, which hold the flowers upright the entire season. The plant is a healthy and vigorous grower. Tubers \$5.00.
- Barbara Wear** (Seal) A beautiful lavender pink decorative on a wonderful stem and a strong grower, of the best habits. Won the Garden & Home Builders Achievement medal, for the best new Dahlia originated west of the Rocky Mountains. Nuf sed. Tubers \$7.50.
- Betty Ivins** (Exhibition Decorative) A remarkable flower of huge proportions. Petals thickly placed to form a very full flower. Color a rich salmon, overlaid with an amber glow, showing a rosy pink reverse. For a flower of such size, it has a remarkable stem that holds it perfectly upright, a point which has been noted by many of its admirers. Plants grown medium tall. Tubers \$7.50.

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- Col. Charles A. Lindbergh** A huge hybrid cactus of a beautiful rose "du Barry" shade, overlaid and suffused with old ivory, shading off to pale gold at center. Reverse of petals light carmine pink. An early and free bloomer. Stems rigid and straight, dark green foliage and good habit of growth. A superb flower that will rank high amongst prize winning Dahlias. Tubers \$7.50.
- Eagle Rock Beauty** (H. C.) This I believe was the outstanding new California Dahlia for 1926. A beautiful combination of pink and cream that is displayed in this glorious creation would be difficult to imagine; it is in a class by itself. Grows medium height. Tubers \$5.00.
- Elite Glory** The spectacular Dahlia, was first exhibited in 1924 and has been very popular ever since. Color is a radiant bright red and grows on very stiff stems. Size is enormous. Tubers \$3.50.
- Ellinor Vanderveer** Jessie L. Seal's wonderful new pink seedling. This was one of the best Dahlias I grew in my garden the past season. A magnificent rose pink decorative, held erect on long stiff stems. This Dahlia will be very popular for some time. Tubers \$1.00.
- Farncot** (Fraser) One of the best keeping and most satisfactory Cactus Dahlias it has been my pleasure to grow. Color is aster purple tipped white. The flowers have perfect form, and are carried on top of good stiff stems. Very free bloomer, and should be included in every collection. Tubers \$2.00.

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**Fort Monmouth** (Kemp) One of the giants of the Dahlia world. Color is a rich maroon with shading of blueish Violet at tips of petals. The flowers are well formed of true H. C. type, of immense size, frequently attaining to full 13 inches in diameter, and are borne on long stiff stems high above the foliage. Does not burn and is a splendid keeper, both on the plant, and when cut. Very free bloomer, five or six immense blooms on a plant at a time. Plants are strong, 7 to 8 ft. high. Tubers \$10.00.

**Fort Washington** "New". Color is a dark mahogany red, blossoms are immense in size. A very tall grower; a very fine Dahlia Tubers \$3.50.

**Grenadier** (B. B.) The originator of this very fine novelty describes it as a purpleish maroon shade combined with silver; the petals one side are purple and the other pale silver. The petals quill and turn and the whole construction is unique. Tubers \$2.00.

**Griffin** Color Pinard yellow, with pale viridine yellow reverse, tinted lavender pink. Plant is a strong grower and has never been troubled with Leaf Hoppers or Thrips. Flowers are large and are borne with profusion from mid-summer until frost. Tubers \$3.50.

**Harry Mayer** (Seltsam) The color is very attractive pale rosolane purple. The habits of the plant are splendid, with that very dark green foliage we all so much admire, with stems carrying the flowers erect high above the foliage. One of the best. Tubers \$7.50.

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- Hathor** A Dahlia of vivid Oriental colorings. The predominating color is flame—not red, but verging on deep crimson, orange, and all those colors seen in glowing embers. Tubers \$5.00.
- Jane Cowl** (Downs) A massive deep decorative, with petals curled and twisted, color a glistening bronzy buff and gold blending to a deeper shade toward centre of flower; reverse of petals a pale flesh color, giving the flower as a whole, a warm glow. A stem of unusual strength holds this giant decorative erect over a plant of ideal growth; foliage thick and leathery; insect resisting. Tubers \$10.00.
- Jean Hare** (F. & M.) A distinctive Exhibition Hybrid Cactus unusually odd in its formation and possessing distinctive charm. In the earlier stages of bloom the color is a beautiful golden yellow; as the flower matures this color is superseded by a gorgeous apricot buff, while the outer row of petals show a golden bronze coloring. A free bloomer, medium to tall habit of growth, perfectly rigid, upright stems and fine dark green foliage. Tubers \$7.50.
- Jerseys Beacon** Another of Mr. Waite's very fine new seedlings, a decided novelty of Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse, giving a two toned effect. An exhibition flower of vigorous growth and a free bloomer. Tubers \$1.00.
- Jerseys Beauty** W. H. Waite's wonderful 1923 introduction, and is still the queen of all Dahlias, a perfect true pink, carried high above the foliage on very long stiff stems. Finest cut flower of all. Tubers \$1.00.

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**Jerseys Empress** Anthracene violet in color; the flowers, which are large, have a very pleasing formation, having narrow and wavy petals. The flowers have great depth. Tubers \$3.50.

**Jersey's Ideal** The color of this variety is best described as a lavender pink; the flowers are usually borne face up on the stem and the long petals drooping gracefully down, make a very deep and massive flower. It is a vigorous grower, and very free bloomer, and an ideal stem. The plants grow medium high. Tubers \$5.00.

**Joy** (B. B.) A clear silvery lavender without a trace of white. The flowers grow large and we think it the best lavender to date. The blossoms grow on top of the stem which is long and stiff; bushes grow tall and have beautiful fernlike leaves; early and free blooming. Tubers \$7.50.

**Kemp's Violet Wonder** (D.) Best Violet colored Dahlia to date. The predominating color is a rich Naphthaline Violet, Lightening to bluish violet at tips of petals, with lavender reverse. Flower is as nearly perfect form as possible, is a true decorative, does not burn, and is a remarkably good keeper, both on the plant and when cut. An early and free bloomer. Tubers \$10.00.

**La Mexicana** (Fisher & Masson) A beautiful granadine orange hybrid cactus perhaps it would be better described as burnt orange toning to copper, the center of the flower lighter in shade and the tips of petals slightly tipped with gold. An early and free bloomer, easily attaining exhibition size. Flowers born on slender black stiff stems. Tubers \$5.00.

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**Margaret  
Woodrow  
Wilson**

(F. & M.) A large decorative Dahlia having broad petals well placed, terminating in points making a very thick flower. Color is opalescent pink (meaning the reverse of petals are so colored as to reflect a pink tone to the whole flower). Flowers held well out on dark green foliage on perfect stems. This is a most satisfactory Dahlia, as the bushes are constantly covered with large blooms. Tubers \$2.50.

**Marion  
Broomall**

A pink and white seedling from Gladys Sherwood, it is more cactus in shape than its parent with better stems and habit, and very free bloomer. A grand flower. Tubers \$2.50.

**May Trower**

(Seal) A Dahlia we are justly proud to grow, and one of the most admired in my garden. A huge deep most artistic flower, ranging in color from palest gold to a deep golden apricot. Occasionally, the flowers will be regularly tipped white, presenting a very novel appearance. Hardly any two blooms are the same. The stems are long, stiff, and rigid, and hold the blossoms proudly erect in spite of their size. May Trower is an excellent garden, exhibition and cut flower, being unusual in formation, with great depth and substance, and a rich beautiful blending of colors. Tubers \$7.50.

**Metropolitan**

(Mendonsa) In this extra fine large decorative we have what we think the season's best fancy Dahlia. Color a bright crimson evenly tipped white. Bushes grow to a medium white and flowers are produced very freely. Stems are good, and hold flowers up facing you. Tubers \$7.50.

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- My Maryland** (Downs) This exhibition Hybrid Cactus, is of a decidedly unique coloring a blending of unusually delicate pink with the faintest suggestion of lavender, the pointed petals whorl and twist in such a manner as to blend the two colors. There are pinks, and there lavenders but this flower is in a color class of its own. Excellent stems and lathery foliage. Awarded the Maryland Dahlia Society Gold Medal in Atlantic City, hence its name. Tubers \$10.00.
- Oh Henry** (Redding) A sensational new Fancy decorative that was one of the most outstanding Dahlias in the field the past season. An enormous flower on stright stems. Color red and gold variegated in the most striking manner imaginable. Tubers \$7.50.
- Pop Stewart** (F. & M.) This is a remarkable flower of great size, in the young state the flowers appear to be a rosy pink, but as it matures the flower undergoes a complete transformation, toning out into a most exquisite shade of the purest lilac pink. A fine grower with a splendid stem. Tubers \$1.50.
- Pride of Stratford** This is a most pleasing shade, cadum orange shading to a light orange yellow at the base of petals, reverse rose doree, very large flowers of splendid form, held erect on fine stiff stems. This is one of our very best Dahlias. Tubers \$3.50.
- Queen of the Garden Beautiful** (Burns) This is one of our finest novelties. A very large flower often measuring 11 inches in diameter. Color a pleasing primrose yellow, stems are stiff and carry the large blooms perfectly erect. It is a vigorous grower and blooms freely. Tubers \$5.00.



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- Robert Scott**      A very beautiful apricot yellow with rose shading, extra large bold flower; also has great depth, excellent stem and a fine bloomer. One of the most popular in the garden. Tubers \$2.50.
- Sanhicans  
Bluebird**      (F. & M.) The color of this Dahlia is a most uncommon shade, the outer petals at maturity are bright violet-blue, while the center retains the violet tint the nearest approach to a blue Dahlia. Strong wiry stems. Tubers \$2.50.
- Sanhicans  
Delice**      (F. & M. In this grand novelty, we have a beautiful staghorn petalled flower of great depth, and of a true pink with an almost imperceptible salmon glow in the center. Free bloomer; stem like a cane and an excellent keeper when cut. Tubers \$4.00.
- Sanhicans  
Magnate**      (F. & M.) As the name indicates, this is one of the big fellows of the Dahlia Kingdom, exhibition decorative of pale amaranth face tinged with a deeper amaranth pink, reverse of petals a solid claret color, heavily veined. The large flowers are held erect on very stiff stems, profuse bloomer, medium height plants, dark green foliage. Tubers \$3.50.
- Sheila Ward**      (English Decorative) One of the most artistic and wonderfully beautiful flowers it has ever been our pleasure to grow; the color being a light primrose yellow heavily tipped white. The form is perfect, the flower very large. Petals gracefully arranged, and the stem is excellent. Tubers \$3.00.
- Spottswood  
Beauty**      (D) This is one of the most beautiful colored Dahlias in the list of 1928 introductions. Color is a clear Chatenay Pink, shading to lemon yellow at base of petals. Flowers are 7 to 8 inches in

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diameter, and of great depth and are borne on long cane-like stems high above the foliage. Tubers \$5.00.

**The Boy Scout**

(Marshall) H. D. Very large, flesh pink with light cream at center, very beautiful flower, best of stem. Tubers \$7.50.

**The Flying  
Ambassador**

(Marshall) Dec. Very large white with a touch of lavender at back of petals, best of stems, free bloomer. Tubers \$7.50.

**Waldheim  
Sunshine**

(Peacock) D. This is one of the truly remarkable dahlias; true deep yellow, that will show up yellow, under artificial light. The reflex is darker, and there is a rich golden suffusion around the beautiful, full high center. Tubers \$15.00.

**Watchung  
Sunrise**

(Smith) This remarkable Dahlia for two years in succession created sensational interest at the A. D. S. Show, New York. A huge decorative of golden amber, with reverse of petals showing rose pink. Each petal has a narrow clear margin of rose pink. Flower is large and deep, with the back petals curving almost to the stem. A free bloomer, and one of the best. Tubers \$7.50.

**Yellow Princess**

(Fraser) Dec. A sensation wherever shown. Without doubt the largest and best yellow decorative Dahlia. Flowers 10 to 12 inches on stiff stems. Won the American Dahlia Society Gold Medal Ribbon, 1927, for the best undiseminated Decorative Seedling that had been certificated at Storrs Trial Gardens. First prize for largest bloom in show at Providence, R. I., 1927. American Dahlia Society Certificate of Merit, 1926. The Dahlia everyone has been waiting for. Tubers \$7.50.

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*DARWIN TULIPS*

I have listed some very fine varieties of "Darwins", which are grown in my own garden, of good stock, and some of the best on the market.

<b>Baronne de la Tonnaye</b>	Rose pink margined blush.
<b>Bartigon</b>	Fiery red.
<b>Centenaire</b>	Rich violet rose with large blue center; enormous flowers of perfect shape, excellent for border and recommended for early forcing.
<b>Clara Butt</b>	Delicate salmon pink; extra fine forcer.
<b>Mr. Farncombe</b>	
<b>Sanders</b>	Bright scarlet.
<b>Pride of Haarlem</b>	Rosy carmen.

*COTTAGE TULIPS*

<b>Inglescombe</b>	Bright yellow.
<b>Yellow</b>	
<b>Mrs. Moon</b>	Large yellow.



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This Society is invaluable as an inspiration to its members. The Quarterly Bulletins are full of information and enthusiasm about the Dahlia. The secretary is Mr. William J. Rathgeber, 198 Norton St., New Haven, Connecticut. On receipt of \$2.00 annual dues we will be glad to propose you as a member.





